

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 alleging a Restriction Requirement for the election of one from among the following list of Figures that have been alleged to be patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 3.
- II. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 8.
- III. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 9.
- IV. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 10.
- V. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 11.
- VI. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 13.
- VII. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 16.
- VIII. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 17.
- IX. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 18.
- X. An image sensing apparatus corresponding to Figure 19.

Election

Applicant elects Species VII, without traverse. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-18, 20, 23, and 24 read on the elected invention.

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